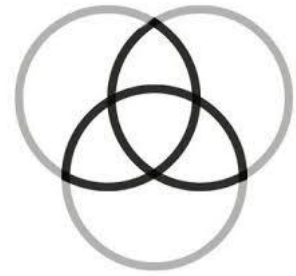


Children's Address:

Psalm 8



Psalm 8 talks about how God is so big and so powerful that He could create the whole universe. In other words, all the way around the world and way, way beyond the sky. God made all that: everything, everywhere. The psalm says, "O Lord, ... You have set Your glory above the heavens. ... Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place" (vv 1, 3).

And God is even more amazing than just big and powerful, because even though He's one God, He's also three what we call Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He's what we call the Trinity, or the triune God, because "tri" means "three" and "une" means "one." That's amazing!—He's three, but He's also one! That's something we can't really understand.

When God is so amazing, though—so big and powerful and impossible to understand—how does that make you feel? It could make us feel really small! We're not that big! There are things we're not smart enough to understand. Little old us. But God doesn't think we're too small to matter. To God, we matter so much that He came all the way down here to be with us.

Remember God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? God the Son—who's that? Receive responses. Right! That's Jesus!—God the Son, Jesus, became one of us, a real person, like little old us, and died on the cross so that we could be with great big triune God! We're a very big deal to God!

Thank You, heavenly Father, for making the world and sending Your only Son, Jesus, to be here with us. Thank You for His dying on the cross and then for Your Holy Spirit making us Yours in Baptism. Thank You for caring for us so, small though we are, O blessed Holy Trinity. Amen.